

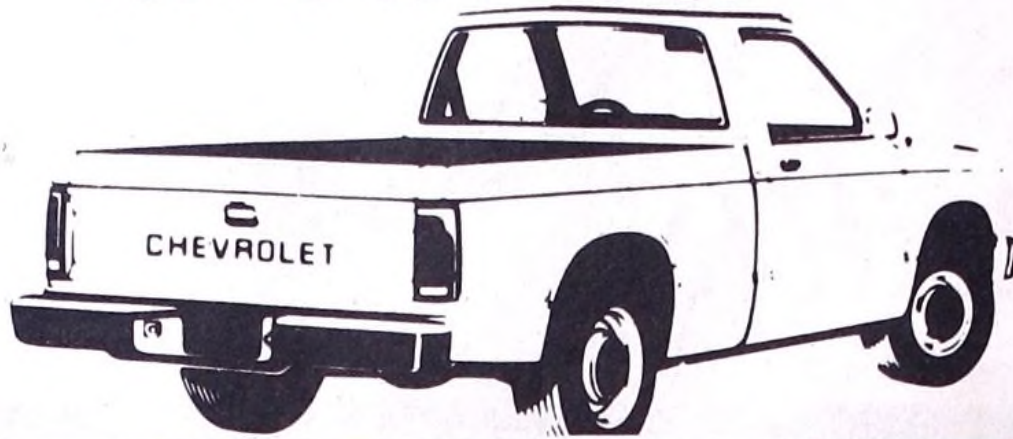




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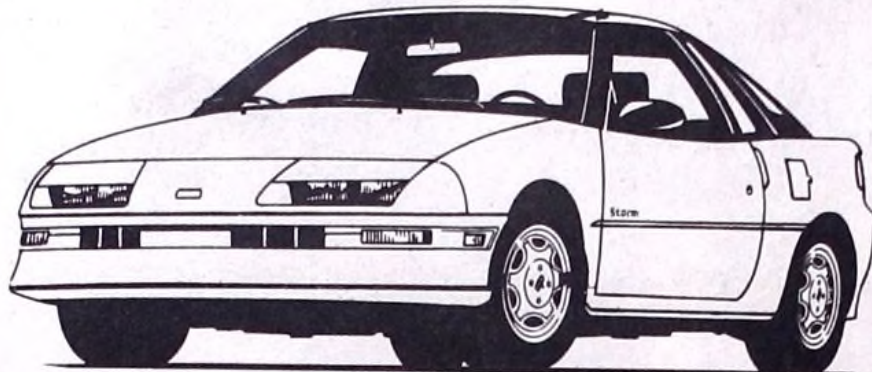
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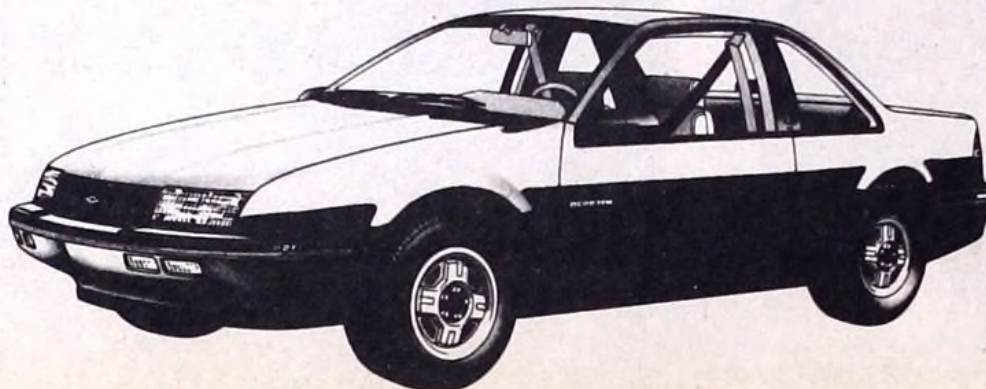
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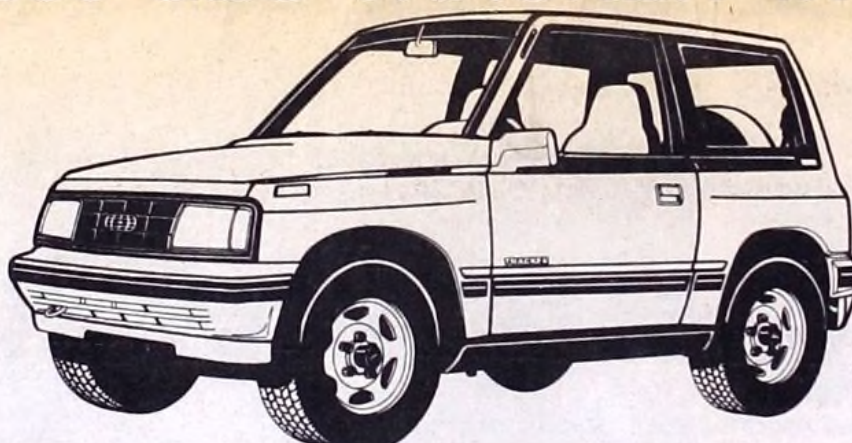
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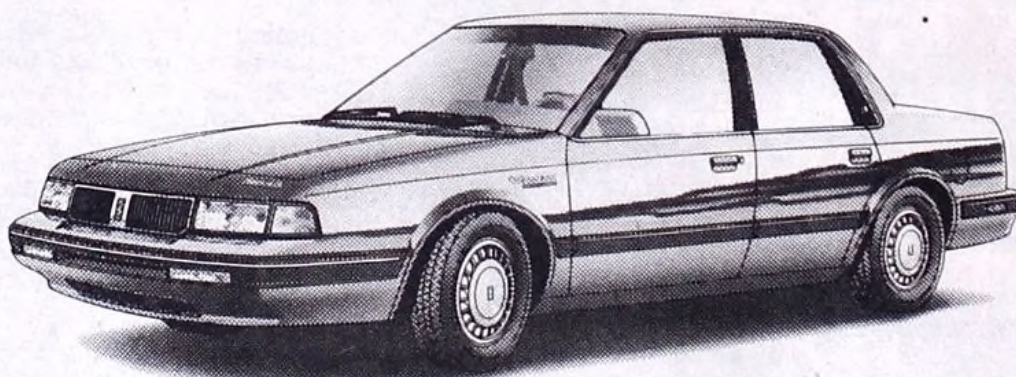
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## ROMULUS NEWS DIGEST

### Arts fair is planned

The Romulus Arts and Craft Council has set Sept. 16 as the date for the sixth annual Arts and Craft Fair. The fair will be staged on the grassy area around the Romulus Public Library. In case of rain, the fair will be moved inside the community room of City Hall.

Some of the crafts on display will include Victorian bears, mason jar lamps, broom dolls, country wood items, wind-propelled birds and wood chimes.

Also included in the fair will be food, entertainment and a cake walk.

For more information or to reserve a space, phone Gloria Chandler at 941-2678.

### Food program is sponsored

The Romulus Head Start Program is helping to sponsor the Child Care Food Program. The new food program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, outside school hours programs and family day care homes.

Meals are available at no charge to all children 12 and younger, migrant children 15 and younger and older handicapped children.

For more information, contact the Wayne County Intermediate School District at 467-1481.

### Sports program is scheduled

Romulus youths in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades can polish their athletic skills beginning Sept. 17.

The Romulus Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor an after-school program for children to participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball and floor hockey.

Each program will last two months. The schedule will continue until March.

### City wants recyclables

City officials are asking residents to drop off recyclable items in the City Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 7 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 8.

Recyclable items accepted will include glass, plastics, newspapers, aluminum, tin and car, boat and small batteries, according to Jeffrey Martell, coordinator for community development.

### Church festival is planned

St. Aloysius Church Labor Day Weekend Festival is set for Aug. 31 through Sept. 3.

The festival will include live bands, 50/50 raffle, Las Vegas games, chicken dinners, bingo, arts and crafts, white elephant sale and more.

The church is on Neville Road, north of Goddard Road, in Romulus.

### Mayor makes appearance

Mayor Beverly McAnally's appearance highlighted a youth celebration day at Wellesley Townhouses Aug. 19.

Parents, children ages 1-16 and school board members also attended the event.

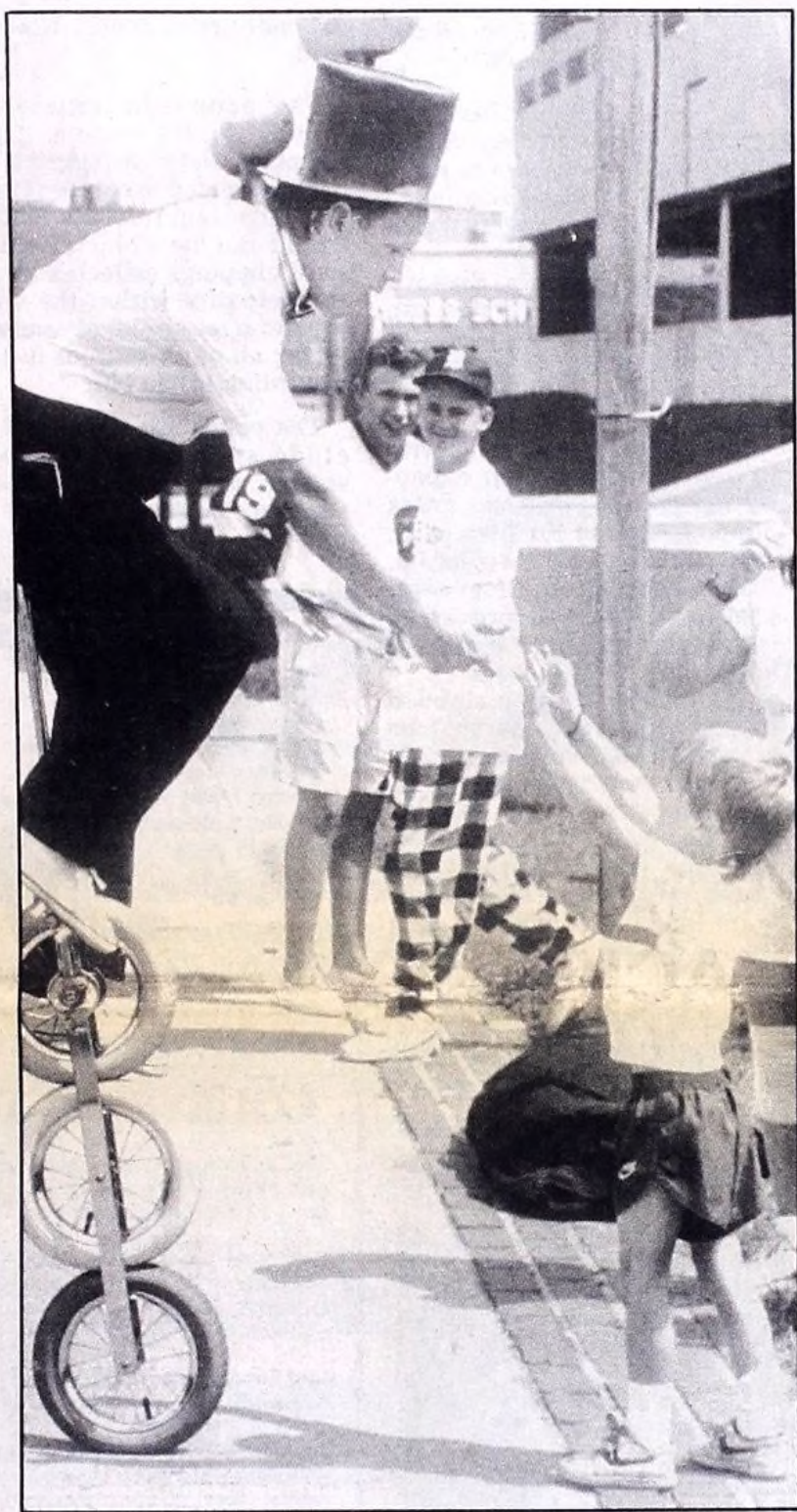
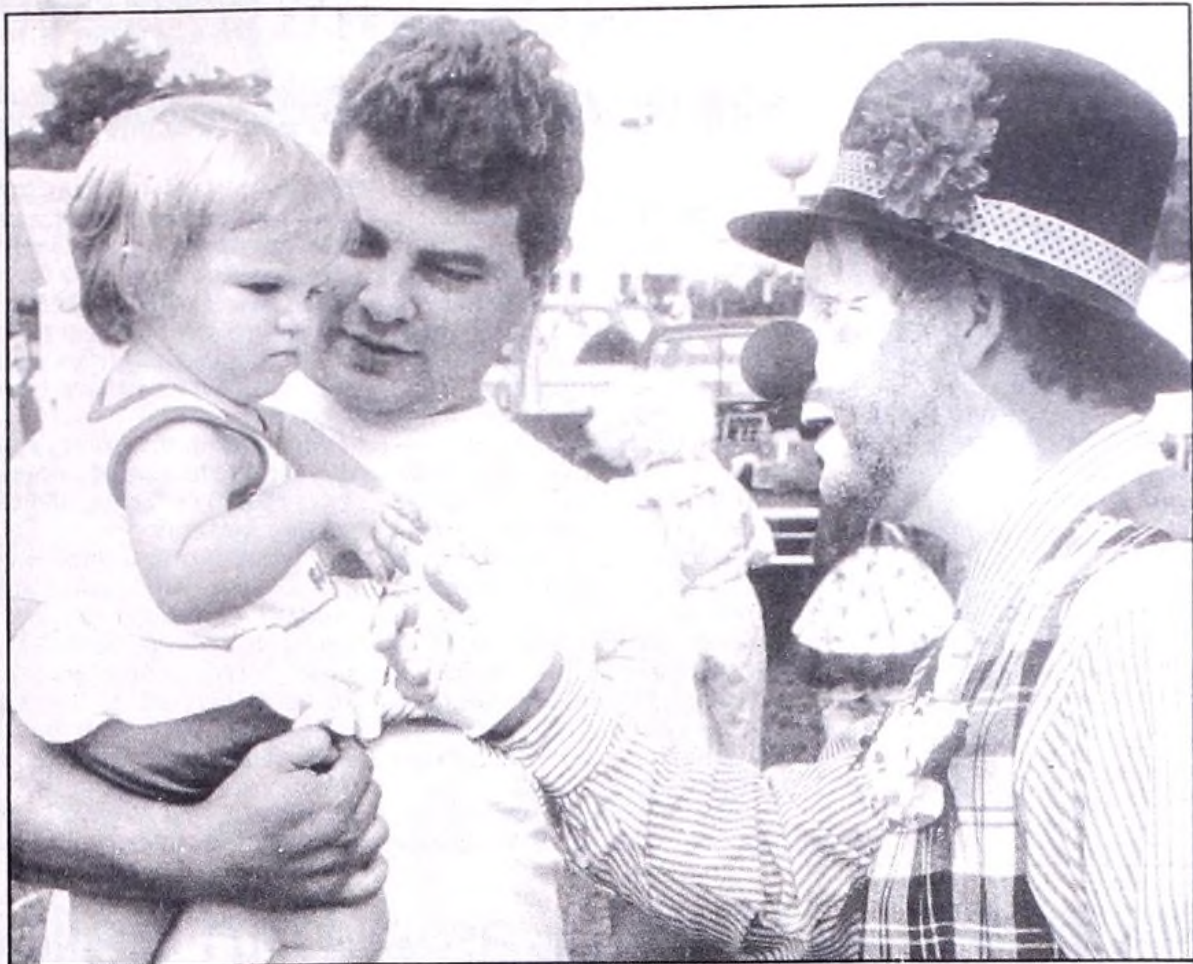
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Send your vacation stories to: Associated Newspapers, Inc., P.O. Box 578, Wayne, MI 48284.



## Doo-Dah Day

Doo-Dah the clown (above) greets 15-month-old Collen Harder and her father, Randy, during the Wayne Homecoming Festival last weekend. Collen was in Wayne visiting her grandmother. At left, Joshua Carter, 6, of Inkster meets Zeemo the Magnificent riding his unicycle. Zeemo performed various juggling acts which required audience participation ANP photo by Werner Siocum/staff photographer

## Man is charged in car theft

By THEODORE G. COUTILISH  
ANP News Editor

An Inkster man was arraigned Friday and charged with receiving and concealing a stolen car in Romulus.

Ronald T. Starks, 22, pleaded not guilty in 34th District Court in Romulus. Bond was set at \$15,000. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Sept. 5.

Starks was arrested quietly Thursday afternoon after Romulus detective Sgt. Eric Painter saw him driving a red 1990 Lincoln Mark VII at speeds close to 100 mph on westbound Interstate-94, near Southfield Road.

"It looked like a rocket in my rear view mirror," Painter said. "Not only was he going fast but his lights were on. Usually, the lights stay on when a car is stolen and the steering column is ripped apart."

Painter said he was driving 65 mph in an unmarked police car with two civilian passengers when Starks passed him. He ran a check on the license plate and found the car was stolen. Meanwhile, he followed the car as it exited on Ecorse Road and turned north on Inkster Road.

From there, Starks drove into a subdivision and pulled in

"It looked like a rocket in my rear view mirror."

— Eric Painter  
Sergeant

front of a friend's house on John Daly Road, Painter said. As Starks approached the house, Painter said he and other officers arrested the suspect without incident.

"I asked him what he was doing driving the car and he told me he bought it off a friend for \$300," Painter said. "He acted real innocent, like he didn't know what was happening."

The car was stolen from Budget Rent-A-Car in Romulus last February with 5,000 miles on the speedometer, according to Painter. When it was recovered, the speedometer read 68,000 miles, he said.

"It's funny how this thing happened," Painter said. "If Starks hadn't been driving so fast, I would never have noticed him. Or if I was in a marked car, he probably would have never passed me."

"The worst part is I can't believe somebody didn't pick the car up before somebody put 63,000 miles on it."

## Jet dumps fuel before returning to airport

By THEODORE G. COUTILISH  
ANP News Editor

A faulty valve forced the pilot of Northwest Flight 52 Saturday evening to dump 15,000 gallons of fuel over Taylor before returning to Metro Airport shortly after liftoff.

The DC-10 airplane, carrying 260 passengers bound nonstop for Frankfurt, Germany, landed safely 15 minutes after departing, according to Northwest Airlines spokesman Douglas Miller.

No one was hurt and the passengers were transferred to later flights, he said.

Miller said shortly after liftoff, the pilot saw the fire indicator flash for engine No. 1, located under the left wing of the plane. The pilot immediately turned off the engine and blew fire extinguishers in the engine compartment, Miller said.

As it turned out, there was no fire. A malfunctioning valve heated some of the wires, sending the false fire signal through

"The fuel was dumped because the plane has to be under its maximum weight to land."

— Douglas Miller  
Northwest spokesman

the computer system to the pilot.

"It was never a dangerous situation," Miller said. "The fuel was dumped because the plane has to be under its maximum weight to land or it could suffer damage to the gears or frame." Miller said most of the fuel dissipated in the air, but was not sure if some of it made it to the ground.

Taylor detective Lt. Glenn Bondy said Tuesday he was not aware of any complaints from residents about fallen fuel.

Television news reports Sunday, however, indicated that some residents encountered the fuel on the ground.

## Local teacher spends summer in school

By THEODORE G. COUTILISH  
ANP News Editor

For most teachers, summer was a time to get away from the classroom.

For Theresa Kamensky, it was a time to go back.

Kamensky, a ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade special education teacher at Romulus Senior High School, spent the past two months in a Special Summer Institute for Science Teachers program at the University of Michigan Biological Station.

"I had a great time and the discussions were timely," she said. "It was well worth my time and effort."

Kamensky, who is not a certified science teacher, enrolled in a general ecology class to learn more about the environment. The course emphasized teaching techniques, resources, ways to improve the

environment, how to count population and speculating on future demographic trends.

She also learned about the ecology of streams, rivers and lakes, the workings of forest communities and the behavior of birds, mammals and insects.

She was one of 24 middle school level teachers invited to attend the statewide program. The lessons she learned will be invaluable to her in the classroom, she said.

"It gave me a lot of ideas about how to get students motivated in science," she said. "We did a lot of hands-on things, which is terrific. I think students should learn from doing rather than sitting in a classroom reading a book."

"I am convinced now that science should be an activities class. I did some activities in my classes last year, but I will do a lot more this year."

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Theresa Kamensky, a special education teacher at Romulus High, arranges her classroom after spending the past two months in a science program. ANP photo by Werner Siocum/staff photographer





## Airplanes of paper

Area youngsters managed to keep somewhat dry as they participated in a paper airplane-flying exhibition sponsored by the Wayne County parks department. A youngster (above) puts all his strength behind the launch of his plane. Amy Nixon, 2, (left) may not have as much power, but her toss was spirited. ANP photos by Chris Pandel

# Waste management issue draws leaders to forum

It's now cool to talk about waste management in western Wayne County.

The hot topic drew more than 75 community representatives to an Aug. 14 yard waste workshop, sponsored by the Conference of Western Wayne.

The workshop, staged at the Inkster Recreation Center, featured presentations by State Rep. James Kosteva (D-Canton) and County Commissioner Milton Mack, who is chairman of the Solid Waste Implementation Committee.

Mack said the attendance at the workshop was evidence of community interest in composting. He said the program topic would not have drawn a group of that size one year ago.

"Composting is part of our five-year county Solid Waste

Implementation Plan and it could reduce the flow of wastes into our landfills and incinerators by 30 percent," Mack said. "We have landfill space for the next 20 years, but they will not be open to communities who do not comply (with the county plan)."

An option in the county plan is the establishment of community curbside recycling and composting systems.

"If methods to reduce wastes are implemented, our current landfill capacity can be extended for a long time," Mack said. Yard waste accounts for about 40 percent of the waste left at the curb in urbanized areas during the summer and fall months, according to Jeanne Paluzzi, CWW environmental and solid waste coordinator.

On an annual basis, yard waste accounts for 18 to 20 percent of the solid waste stream in Michigan, Paluzzi said. Alternatives to landfilling and incineration of yard wastes include composting, wood chipping, leaving grass clippings on the lawn and landscaping with groundcovers other than grass.

"Because grass and leaves have a high nitrogen content, any diversion from incinerators will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions," Paluzzi said. "In addition, by diverting yard waste from the incinerators, combustion will improve and less carbon monoxide will be emitted. Both emissions are regulated by air quality permits issued by the state Department of Natural Resources."

## Yard waste ban called 1st step

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER  
Belleville City Editor

Banning yard wastes from landfills and incinerators is the most logical first step to managing solid waste, according to the local sponsor of a waste management bill.

State Rep. James Kosteva said House Bill 4872 would ban the disposal of yard wastes at landfills and municipal solid waste incinerators after Jan. 1, 1994.

"We don't need landfills with 15 to 25 percent of their capacity filled with yard and grass clippings," said Kosteva at an Aug. 14 yard waste workshop. "We have an alternative—composting—that will provide a cost-saving with handling costs lower than landfill costs."

"It's time the state stopped being a nurturing parent and started being a disciplinarian. It's time we acted like good parents and say we've got to protect the environment."

Unlike the cost of solving other environmental problems, the composting of yard wastes will not require a major

expenditure of funds, Kosteva said.

The proposed legislation would require leaves, grass clippings and other garden debris converted to compost matter. After Jan. 1, 1992, a landfill would not be able to accept yard clippings collected by any municipality within the state. The same requirement would exist for all other sources in 1994, according to the bill.

The collection would not include stumps, agricultural wastes, animal wastes, roots, sewage sludge or garbage.

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# Family shelter nears completion, occupancy

By PATRICIA BROWN  
ANP Staff Writer

The Family Shelter in Westland is beginning to look more like home.

The center, which will help homeless families re-enter society, is expected to be completed by late fall in an existing building on the former Eloise property at the corner of Merriam and Michigan Avenue.

"Everything is going along as planned," said Joseph Benyo, a member of the Homeless Advisory Council and city council liaison.

In past advisory meetings, members discussed the construction of some type of chapel or a reflection room where people could go and think about their lives.

Member Maybelene Evans came up with the idea of religion in the center, but members are carefully considering the idea because some of the funding for the project is from the federal government.

"I think the idea of a chaplaincy is good," Benyo said. "We have to think about serving the (homeless families') emotional needs and their physical needs. This will give them a place to go and have quiet time."

In early July, the group began to search for a director for the center. Members hired Linda Makowski of Washington, D.C. because of her years of experience in dealing with the homeless. She is expected to be on the site by early fall, according to Benyo.

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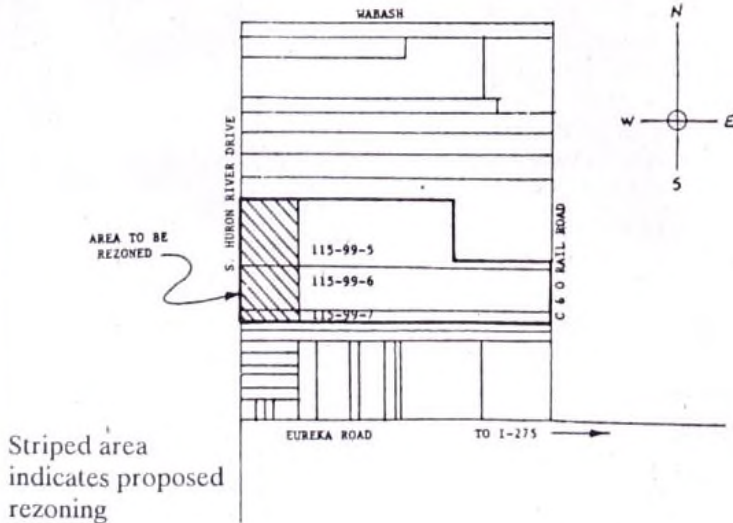
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The Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, September 17, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request to rezone the west portion of D.P. #115-99-5, 115-99-6 and 115-99-7, approximately 400 feet, located on the east side of Huron River Drive between Eureka and Northline from R1-A (Single Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial for industrial development.)



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said rezoning. Written comments may be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, September 17, 1990 and addressed to David J. Paul, Building Department at the above address. Linda R. Choate, CMC Clerk City of Romulus

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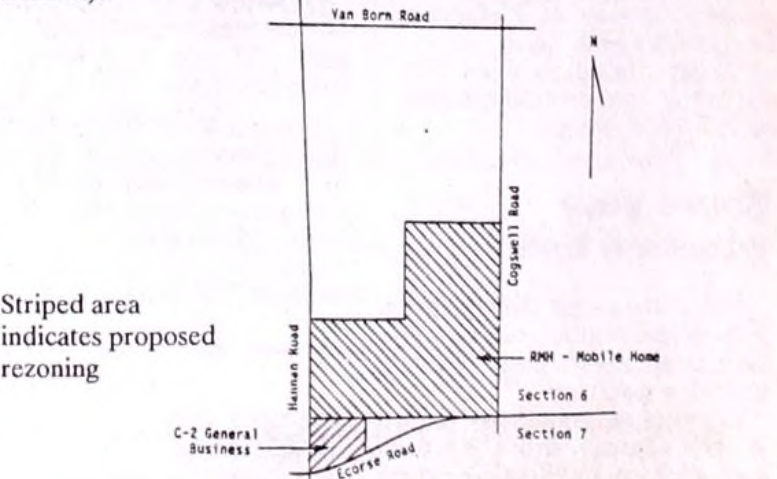
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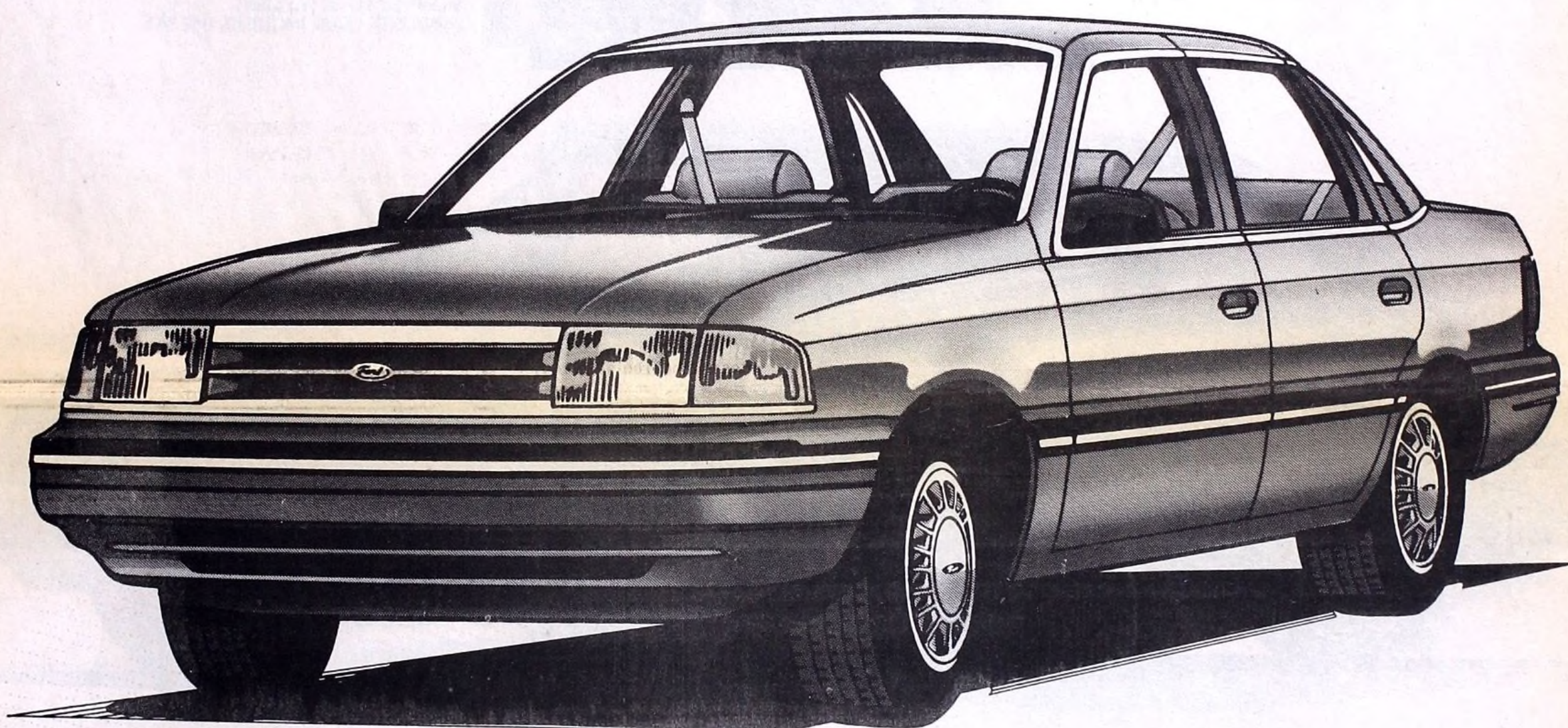


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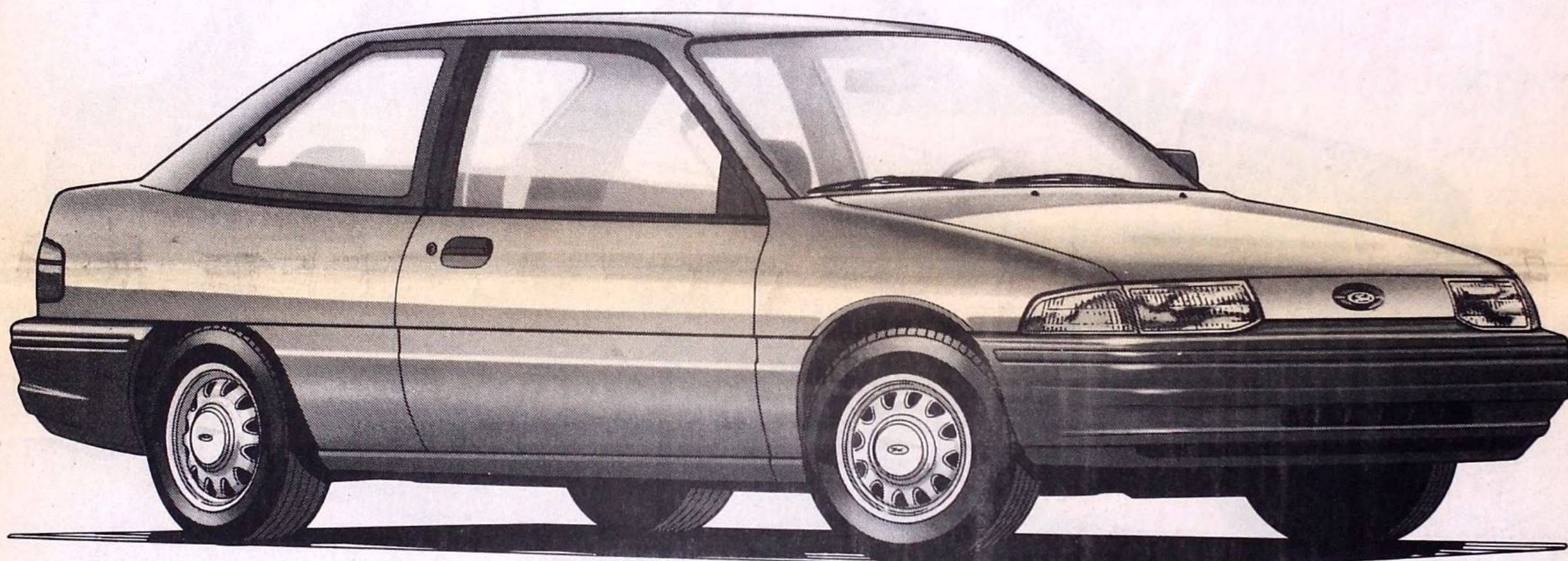


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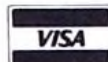
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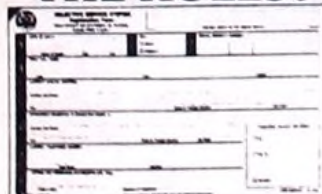
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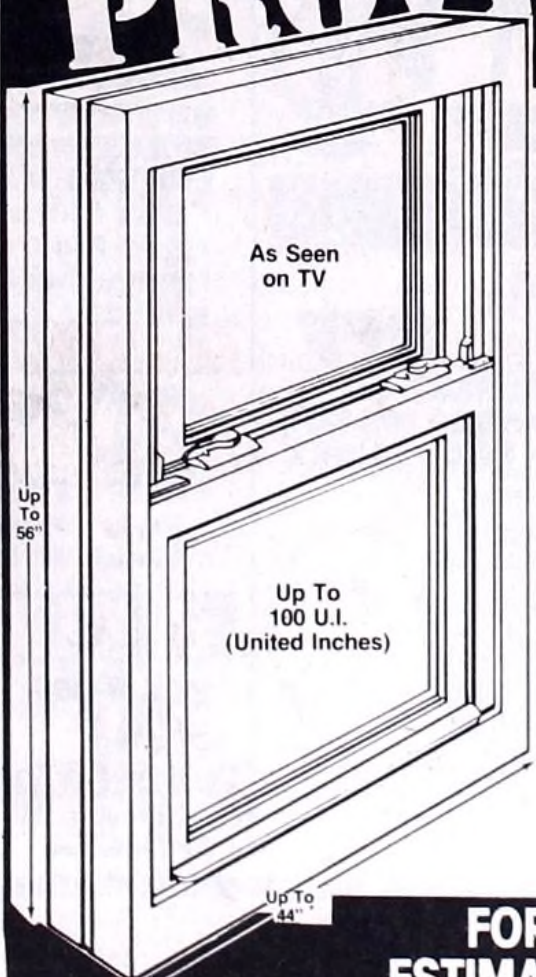
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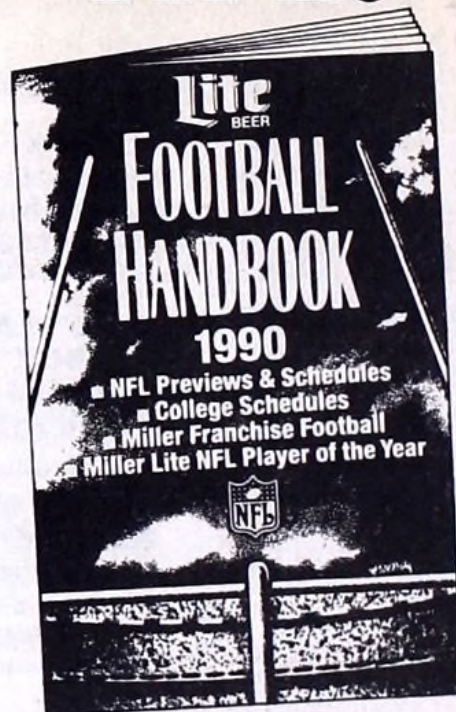
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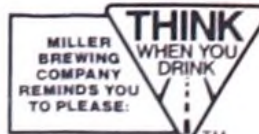
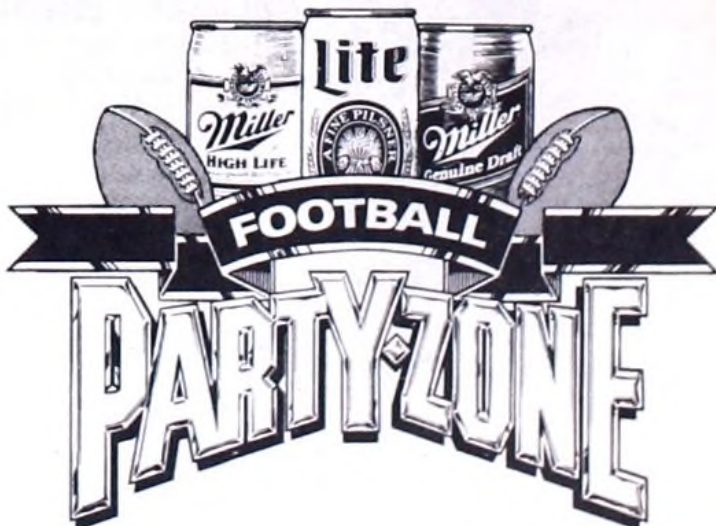
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# Local woman returns from Middle East trip

By RANDY FRANK  
ANP Staff Writer

A vacation with a friend in another country where the weather is warm and the people are friendly is not out of the ordinary.

A trip to Jordan, however, extremely close to the Persian Gulf crisis would not only raise eyebrows, but bewilder people as well.

For Wayne resident Margie Pucci, her third vacation to Jordan was a pleasant experience, and something she plans to do again.

Jordan has a fascinating culture, according to Pucci.

About the size of Indiana, Jordan has a population of about 2.9 million Arabs, steeped in Muslim tradition.

The Middle Eastern country with Greek and Roman antecedents borders Syria to the north, Iraq to the east, Saudi Arabia to the southeast and Israel to the west.

Pucci, 25, visited a college classmate and friend, who lives in Amman, the capital of Jordan, for seven weeks before returning home Aug. 9.

"There supposedly were anti-American demonstrations in Jordan, but I didn't see anything of the kind," she said.

U.S.-Jordanian relations traditionally have been warm, but this month King Hussein of Jordan refused to follow the U.S. lead and condemn the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Jordan is economically dependent on Iraq, which uses the Jordan port of Aqaba to ship oil and import food and dry goods.

Pucci left Jordan after her parents called and asked her to come home in the seventh week of her visit.

U.S. Embassy officials in Jordan advised Americans living in or visiting Jordan to leave the country, the day before she left.

"During the last week of my trip, the tension was noticeable," said Pucci, who saw many armed soldiers near the Iraqi and Kuwaiti embassies.

However, she had only nice things to say about the Jordanian people.

They are hospitable and will do anything to make your stay comfortable, according to Pucci.

She stayed with her friend, Sahar, a native of Amman, who graduated with Pucci from Eastern Michigan University.

"Sahar and I majored in international trade at EMU," Pucci said.

During her visit with Sahar and her family, Pucci felt safe.

Some of their activities included eating at restaurants and playing squash.

Pucci also traveled to Aqaba, a resort town near the Red Sea.

During the four-hour drive from Amman to Aqaba, the scenery proved to be magnificent.

"I saw mountains and wild camels," she said.

The culture and history of Jordan, a country inhabited by prehistoric man since the Palaeolithic and Neolithic Age (c. 7,000-4,000 B.C.), fascinates visitors, Pucci said.

It's a misunderstood country, and a place Americans need to learn more about, according to Pucci.

Last year, she spent six weeks in France before traveling to Jordan.

In the future, Pucci plans to have a career in the international field using the French and marketing skills she learned at EMU.

Meanwhile, she writes letters to Sahar and hopes the crisis won't escalate further.



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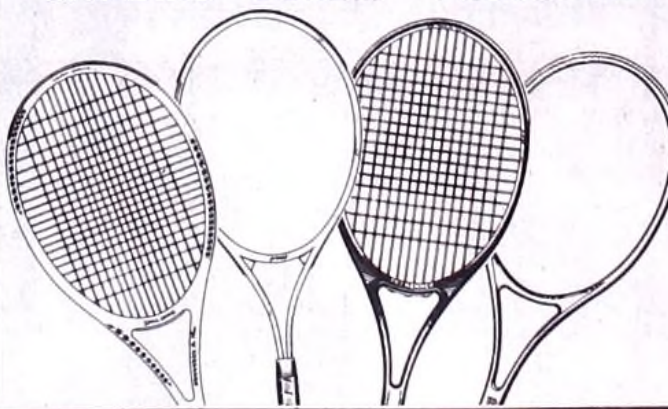
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# Opinion

## Threats of strike make school start gloomy, desperate

School bells are ringing throughout the area this week as youngsters climb aboard big yellow buses anxious to make new friends and dive into their studies.

The excitement that usually accompanies the start of the school year, however, has been dimmed as a cloud of uncertainty hangs over the heads of students attending Wayne-Westland and Belleville schools.

Both school districts find themselves in desperate financial situations. Students have to pay to participate in music, art and athletic programs, and class days have been cut to the bare minimum.

The sky is especially gray for those students included in the Wayne-Westland district - residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton Township and Inkster.

The teachers in the Wayne-Westland district are without a contract leaving the entire school system on thin ice.

Teachers agreed this week to return to the classrooms without a contract. As long as negotiations are progressing, union leaders said they would do their part.

The threat of a strike, however, remains imminent.

So each day of study could be the last - temporarily - for area students.

The whole situation is a difficult one. State funding of education is obviously unequal. Taxpayers are obviously overburdened. And school teachers and administrators deserve a pay increase.

Who will emerge as the victor in this tangled web of bureaucracy?

There will be no winners in this one.

The teachers deserve credit for starting the school year despite failure to reach a contract agreement. Times are difficult in the district, and they have taken that into consideration.

They, however, have made it clear that they will strike if necessary.

Administrators must find a way to avoid a teachers' walk-out. Working somehow within the meager budget that has been allotted, they must negotiate a fair agreement with those individuals charged with teaching our young people.

Fair treatment is all anyone can ask for, and the teachers deserve that as well. What needs to be done must be done right away in order to preserve some educational environment for youth.

## Choosing our own fate

The debate over euthanasia has been in the forefront these days. An area doctor who developed a machine to help patients with terminal diseases kill themselves, has been barred from using the device.

Hearing of the machine, residents from another state traveled to Michigan because they believed euthanasia was legal here. The woman killed herself in a Romulus hotel as family members waited with her. Those family members are now charged with crimes.

Suicide is a painful issue.

Killing oneself due to the fear that comes from facing a gradual and painful death, however, seems peaceful. A coming to terms with fate.

Such actions may not be right for everyone. Those who choose to take their own lives rather than waiting for a terminal illness to ruin all happy memories should, however, be permitted to die with dignity.

And family members left behind should not be held responsible for these actions.

If the spirit lives on, how horrible an individual must feel to have exercised free will and killed themselves in an attempt to free their family from burden, only to have their family face prison terms.



### Issue was oversimplified

I am writing in response to the August 9th Editorial on the Canton Compost issue. I think the information was oversimplified and in error.

While composting is a natural process in nature the subdivision residents of Canton add poisonous chemicals to their yard waste, which residents near the proposed compost worry about when it comes to their well-water purity.

Secondly, having a compost dump in the neighborhood does enhance property values and creates more traffic and noise. (It is ironic that Canton changes zoning ordinances to make Rural Estates zones, yet who would like to live near a compost dump?) An added peice of information about compost dumps, we should look at Rochester Hills, where their dumping of grass has caused foul odors, leading a need for court action.

As for DNR assurances, there are none, as there has been no studies to give evidence to appropriate methods of composting.

Lastly, Canton officials have not looked for an appropriate place for this dump. It would seem would fit better in a non-residential area.

I am not against composting, (I do it daily on my property) but the appropriate place needs to be found for mass composting.

Barbara Kremposky Rose  
Canton Township

### Letters are amusing

Whenever anyone reads letters Mr. Moranty writes to the editor of the *Wayne Eagle*, we all seem to have the same feeling, bemusement. I liked Mr. Waldschmidt's letter in the August 9th issue of the *Wayne Eagle*.

### LETTERS

There is a question that I would like to ask Mr. Moranty and his so-called group, What is your main goal besides the destruction of the Wayne-Westland School District? What is your solution to this crisis we are now facing?

The group is a vigilante group bent on destroying this school district. They are made up of past school board and school employees who are disgruntled and are using personal reasons to get back at the Wayne-Westland school district. In this process, they are using false propaganda to gain public support. There is one group of people that are being hurt in this process and that is the children attending the schools in Wayne-Westland. Due to program cuts, the children will be short changed this fall.

So, Mr. Moranty, you and your group can sit back and smirk and pat each other on the back all you want. The district deficit problems remain the same. The state legislature is aware of the education crisis in Michigan but an answer is not forthcoming for at least 2 or 3 years. What is the answer in the meantime Mr. Moranty? If your children were still in school, I'm sure your opinion would be different than your present one.

Marsha Sienko  
Wayne

Let the woman make the choice

A recent writer about abortion wonders about the justification for an abortion. One reason is that there are people opposing it in Michigan as nutty as the Louisiana Legislature.

Another reason it is no one's business except the woman involved if she is single, and if

married it is still her decision, although any intelligent woman would discuss it with her husband.

The courts and any government agency should be barred by law from becoming involved.

When it comes right down to the nitty gritty regardless of who else is involved, it is the woman's decision.

And please don't bring God or any omnipotence being being into the abortion brew-ha-ha.

S.K. Pullen  
Belleville

Group's goal to cure apathy

The Citizens For Education Committee has continuously been criticized as being negative and against education, especially by those whose paychecks will be affected by the recent millage defeats in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. One primary goal of the committee is to overcome citizen apathy in it's involvement in schools, school board meetings, and voting responsibilities.

From time to time the committee has offered suggestions through it's spokesman, Dave Moranty, but these go unheeded by those whose philosophy of business or education does not agree.

After the millage election, the committee suggested that school officials restore as many programs and recall as many laid-off employees as possible. How can this be done?

- 19.5 administrative positions have been cut. If each of these positions paid an average of \$50,000, the savings is \$975,000. (Associate Superintendent William Harvey recieved \$91,712.)
- 34 teachers retired at the end of the school year. Each of these will save the district an average of \$40,000, for a total of \$1,360,000.
- 20 secretaries, custodians, clerks, paraprofessionals and food ser-

vice employees retired also. Averaging \$10,000 each, this saving is worth \$200,000.

On the revenue side of the ledger, the state legislature in-

\$3,879.35 per student in Westland schools. In spite of the loss of 2.75 mills from local taxes because of the defeat of the millage, Wayne-Westland will receive only \$16.87 per student less than the \$3,986.22 received in state aid in 1989-90! This increase guaranteed by the state amounts to \$1.39 million more money than projected by the superintendent for the board in his budget proposal of \$3,797.25 on June 13, 1990.

Just recently the legislature used the Robin Hood approach by taking \$50 million from out-of-formula districts and giving it to in-formula districts for a substantial increase in categorical aid. Wayne-Westland will benefit greatly from this increase.

The savings from administrative cuts, volunteer retirements, and increases in state funding surpass \$4 million. Even the worst financial manager could pay for the restoration of some programs and return from layoff some teachers for \$4 million. After all, the amount of state aid guaranteed is only \$285,000 less than it was in 1989-90. Even then, there must be some consideration given to new priorities not new taxes.

What is most disturbing in this whole situation is the attitude of some district residents who continually are trying to belittle those who are not satisfied with mediocrity in schools. When the graduating class is able to increase its ACT scores above the national average, and every member of the class can read, these employees will have demonstrated their superiority. Until then they might better expend their energy in behalf of the students.

Melvin C. Straight  
Citizens for Education

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# Days of old

*Earlier times are reenacted*

By Cindy Hopman  
Staff Writer

At Wyandotte's Heritage Days this weekend, visitors can go back to times before the American Revolution through the Civil War by way of living history encampments.

The reenactments will feature the Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe Inc., depicting the French and Indian Period and Battery B, First Michigan Light Artillery, portraying the Civil War unit.

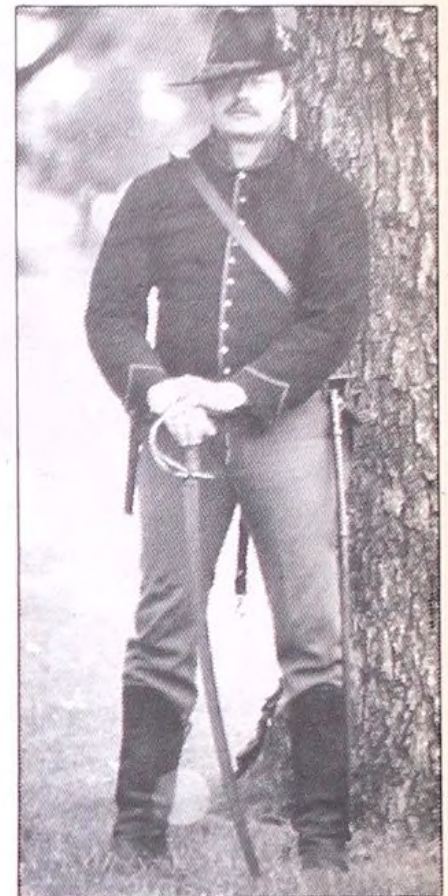
Encamped at the historic Marx Home, built during the Civil War, will be the Second Michigan Infantry and the Michigan Soldiers Relief Association.

The Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe encompasses many separate member units, each depicting an actual military unit or organization that existed prior to the American Revolution. Depicting the times from 1754 to 1765, members re-create and demonstrate the crafts, skills, camp life, military activities and day-to-day events of the mid-18th century as recorded in history.

"THE ENTIRE Downriver area is loaded with history," said Terry Misanant, an officer with the Forces. "As you stand at Bishop Park and look across the river you see Pointe Hennepin, named for Father Hennepin, who along with LaSalle explored the area in the 1600s.

"Farther down you see Grosse Ile. It

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Ron Griffin of Wyandotte is a member of Battery B, First Michigan Light Artillery. The group will present a Civil War encampment and artillery demonstrations during Heritage Days.

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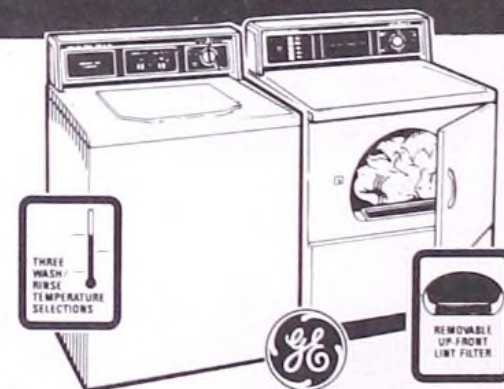
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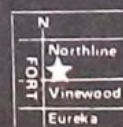
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# Heritage Days trace local roots

## Reenactments, home tours highlight days

By Cindy Hopman  
Staff Writer

There won't be any formal teaching, but history will be taught this weekend when Wyandotte hosts what has become an annual event — Heritage Days.

The city and its historical museum are coordinating the three-day event, which will feature living history encampments, an architectural walk, a historic home tour, an old-fashioned ice-cream social, colonial dinner and waterside concerts from history-minded troupes.

Heritage Days activities will be centered around Bishop Park, the historic home area and downtown Wyandotte. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

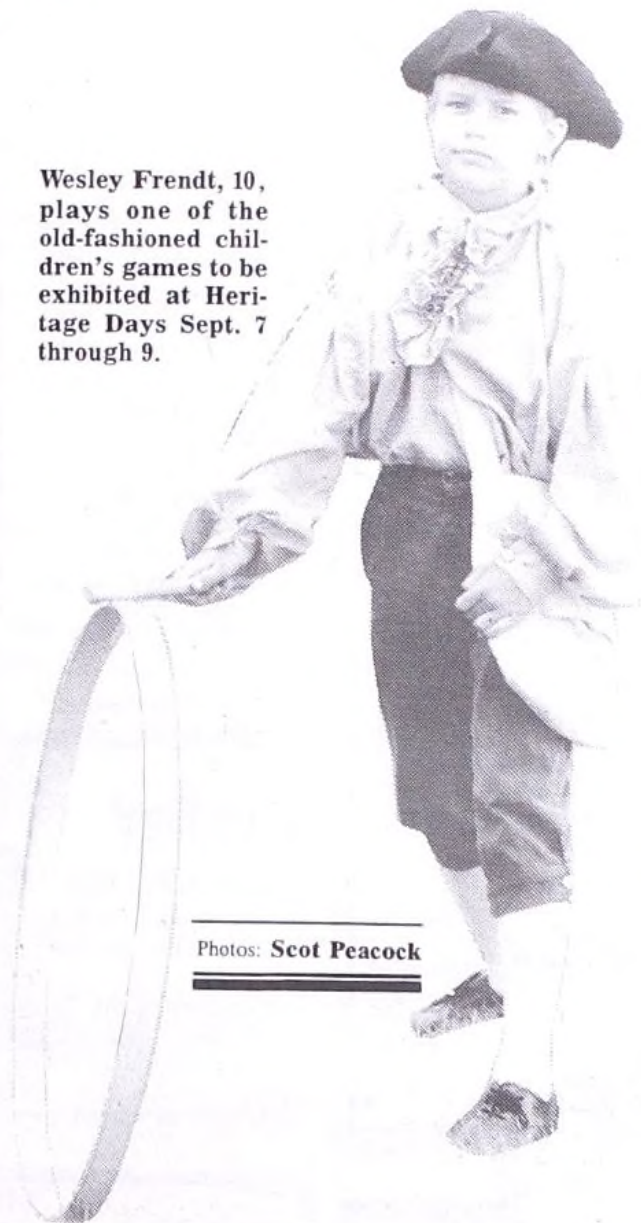
"The Quilters" will display the works of the late Grace Paine from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the First Methodist Church, 72 Oak Street. The native New Yorker also lived in Wyandotte. It is the group's fifth show.

Co-chairmen for the weekend event are Chet Hunt, director of marketing, planning and museums, and Beth Labadie, site supervisor of the Wyandotte Historical Museum.

**THE LIVING** encampments will depict times before the American Revolution through the Civil War. Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe, a non-profit educational organization that focuses on early French and British heritage, will depict the French and Indian period.

Also camping at Bishop Park will be Battery B, First Michigan Light Artillery, portraying a Civil War unit and conducting artillery demonstrations. Dressed in authentic Civil War clothing, members travel across the country staging reenactments and encampments of the battery. The unit was based in the Detroit area and never lost a soldier in combat, according to a spokes-

Wesley Frendt, 10, plays one of the old-fashioned children's games to be exhibited at Heritage Days Sept. 7 through 9.



Photos: Scot Peacock

man for the battery.

**ENCAMPED AT** the Isham-Marx Home, built during the Civil War, will be the Second Michigan Infantry and the Michigan Soldiers Relief Association. The 50-member Civil War re-enactors portray members from Company F, the Flint Union Guard; Company B, the Hudson Artillery; Company I, medical service nurses; and the Michigan Soldiers Relief Association.

The Isham-Marx Home, 2630 Biddle Ave., also will be one of several historic buildings open for tours during Heritage Days. Others to be open are the Ford-MacNichol Home, 2610 Biddle Ave., which houses the Wyandotte Historical Museum; the Ford-Bacon Home, 45 Vinewood, home of Bacon Memorial Library, and the Marx-Alm Home, 266 Oak St., which recently was renovated. The four historic homes will give visitors a Victorian flavor of 19th-century Wyandotte.

**THE HOMES** will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Ford-Bacon Home, however, will not be open Friday.

An architectural tour also will acquaint visitors with Wyandotte's rich history. Led by Dick Wertz of Melvindale, the tour will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday on the porch of the Ford-MacNichol Home and wind through back courts, streets and alleys from Popular to Spruce Streets.

Wertz said tourgoers will search and uncover many hidden artifacts, artistic works of the early craftsmen and an array of beautiful and fascinating old curiosities, such as a limestone-walled garden and Wyandotte's oldest trumpet vines. About 36 ornamented facades, three back yard gardens and an interior tour of Wyandotte's first bed and breakfast on Vinewood will highlight the two-hour historical walk. The turn-of-the-century home being restored as a bed and breakfast is furnished in 19th century decor. High tea will be served at the newly renovated home.

**THE TOUR** cost is \$4 per person, and registration is necessary. Call 246-4520 for more information.

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## Weekend offers variety

A full schedule of activities is scheduled for the three days of Heritage Days this weekend. Events include living history encampments, craft exhibitors, a historical walking tour, old-fashioned children's games, a colonial dinner and entertainment.

### FRIDAY

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
1, 3 and 5 p.m.

Craft exhibits and demonstrations, Bishop Park  
Historic home tours (open house), Ford-MacNichol, Isham-Marx and Marx-Alm homes  
Dulcimer player, Cecilia Webster, Bishop Park

### SATURDAY

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Quilt show, First Methodist Church  
Craft exhibits and demonstrations, Bishop Park  
Living history encampments, Bishop Park and Isham-Marx  
Historic home tours, Ford-MacNichol, Ford-Bacon, Isham-Marx and Marx-Alm homes

noon  
noon to 4 p.m.  
1 to 2 p.m.  
2 to 3 p.m.  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
5 to 6 p.m.  
6 to 7 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Apple pie and ice cream social, Ford-MacNichol Home  
Fife and Drum Corps, Bishop Park and historic areas  
Storytellers, Ford-Bacon Home  
Old-fashioned games, Ford-Bacon Home grounds  
Songs of the Lakes, Bishop Park pavilion  
Silly Club, colonial theater and comedy, Bishop Park  
Salvation Army Brass Band, Bishop Park pavilion  
Storytellers, Ford-Bacon Home  
Silly Club, Bishop Park  
Song of the Lakes, Bishop Park pavilion  
Colonial dinner, Masonic Temple

### SUNDAY

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Craft exhibits and demonstrations, Bishop Park  
Living history encampments, Bishop Park, Isham-Marx Home  
Historic home tours, Ford-MacNichol, Ford-Bacon, Isham-Marx, Marx-Alm homes  
Old-fashioned apple pie and ice cream social, Ford-MacNichol Home  
Fife and Drum Corps, Bishop Park and historic areas  
Old-fashioned children's games, Ford-Bacon Home grounds  
Storyteller, Ford-Bacon Home



Heritage Days have a patriotic tone. The weekend event will take visitors back in time with reenactments, a period fashion show, historical-minded entertainment and craft demonstrations.

1 to 2 p.m.  
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2 to 3 p.m.  
2 to 4 p.m.  
3 p.m.

4 to 5 p.m.  
6 to 7 p.m.

Silly Club, Bishop Park  
Historic Churches open house, map provided in program  
Song of the Lakes, Bishop Park pavilion  
Historic walking tour, meet at Ford-MacNichol Home  
Storyteller, Ford-Bacon Home  
Fashion show, Bishop Park pavilion  
Silly Club, Bishop Park  
Song of the Lakes, Bishop Park pavilion



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Living history encampments will be a part of Heritage Days this year with the Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe depicting the French and Indian period. Members of the Forces include Ed Bundshuh (left), Ryan Antone and Richard Fortin.



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## Earlier

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was at Grosse Ile that Cadillac set up his first camp in the Detroit Area in 1701."

Members of the Forces come from more than a dozen states and will be camped at Bishop Park during Heritage Days. A battle that took place in this area may be staged, depending on the

members present for the encampment, according to Ed Bundshuh of Redford, who portrays a trapper.

**MANY UNITS** that were prominent to the history of Detroit will be represented at Heritage Days, according to Richard Carden of the Detroit Marines.

"I think it's important for us to understand and to realize how our roots

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# Earlier

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began," the Melvindale resident said. According to Missant, the group will be camped on the site of Pointe Monguagon, once home of a Huron Indian fortress.

"This fortress was visited very often by the French Marines of Detroit and the French Voyageurs who used it as a rendezvous," he said. "If the people of the Downriver area want to see how the early French lived in the area, Wyandotte Heritage Days will give them the opportunity."

**FORCES MEMBERS** will dress in authentic period clothing of cotton, linen or wool. The garments are all hand sewed from patterns used during the times. All tenting, camping equipment and other support items also are authentic, according to the non-profit organization's guidelines.

Authenticity also is important to Battery B, First Michigan Light Artillery, which will camp at Bishop Park and stage artillery demonstrations.

The Civil War unit, which originated in the Detroit area, was 235-men strong. No one was killed in battle; the battery suffered its largest number of injuries — seven — during the Battle of Griswold in Georgia.

**THE DEARBORN-BASED** battery travels across the country with members recreating the artillery unit.

Wyandotte resident Ron Griffin, a battery clerk with the unit, has been involved in Civil War reenactment for

three years — one year with an infantry unit and two years with the artillery.

Griffin's interest dates back to his school days and the influence of Roosevelt High School history teacher Mike Korwin.

"Mr. Korwin is a very good teacher," he said. "He inspired me to get into Civil War history."

In addition to taking part in the reenactments, Griffin serves as the battery's historian and has a collection of letters and paperwork detailing Battery B. He also edits the unit's newsletter.

**THE WYANDOTTER'S** collection also includes an 1863 rifle, .44-caliber pistol, artillery shells, a bayonet dating back to Civil War time, an 1864 sabre and reproductions of both Union and Con-

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# Heritage

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The third historic walk will take visitors to Wyandotte churches. A map will be included in the Heritage Days program. The churches will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday.

A period fashion show, featuring reproductions from Past Reflections, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bishop Park. Coordinated by the mother and daughter team of Jackie Wakeling and Monette DeLozier, the show will focus on dress in Victorian times. The fashion show will be complete with a "how to" segment during which one model will appear in a corset and layer the necessary clothing.

**ALL THREE** days will include more than 100 exhibitors at Bishop Park displaying, demonstrating and selling hand-crafted items.

An old-fashioned apple-pie and ice-cream social will be hosted by the Wyandotte Historical Society Saturday and Sunday on the porch and under a tent at the museum, 2610 Biddle Ave.

Mehlrose ice cream heaped on baked apple pie will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Mehlrose is one of Wyandotte's centennial businesses. Emerson Mehlrose has been an active participant in Heritage Days.

A Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Saturday in the encampment area in Bishop Park by Father Edward Scheuerman of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

**THAT EVENING**, a colonial dinner will be hosted by the Wyandotte Ma-

sonic Lodge at its historic Masonic Temple, 81 Chestnut. Reservations are necessary. Tickets are available at the Wyandotte Historical Museum.

Entertainment throughout the weekend will be history-oriented. Cecilia Webster, a dulcimer player, will kick off the entertainment with performances at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. at Bishop Park.

The First Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps will play throughout the day Saturday and Sunday at Bishop Park and various historic locations.

Based in Sterling Heights and organized in 1974, the corps includes members 12 through 21 years of age. Its early military music has earned national recognition. The group's instruments, rope-tensioned drums and high-pitched six-hole fifes, are duplicates of those used 200 years ago. The music played has been researched and documented so that it is historically correct, according to a spokesman for the group. The corps' uniforms are copies of those worn by Col. Dan Morgan's Rifle Co., one of the more elite and famous units of the Continental Army.

**THE CORPS** is directed by Mark Logsdon, who began his own drumming career at the age of 7. He has worked as a consultant for Greenfield Village, Fort Wayne and numerous drum and fife corps.

Also providing musical entertainment will be Song of the Lakes, from 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Bishop Park pavilion. The four-member group combines a variety of musical backgrounds. Mike Sullivan plays

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guitar, mandolin, concertina and bouzouki. He began his career in a Detroit rock 'n' roll band. Lisa Johansson plays flute, piccolo and penny whistle. Her background is in classical music.

**HER HUSBAND**, Ingamar, also has a classical background. The Swedish native plays guitar, banjo, mandolin and penny whistle. Rick Jones, the band's percussionist, is manager of the area schools' ArTruck. He is a self-taught Irish drum player and adds bones, cymbal and other instruments to round out the group.

Silly Club, a colonial theater and comedy troupe, will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Bishop Park.

The comedy and juggling act has won rave reviews from the Michigan Renaissance Festival organizers.

"We've had these lads for five years running," said Dana Gammara, entertainment director. "They get fan mail by the bundle and understandably so. Their show is our biggest crowd-pleaser."

**THE SALVATION** Army Brass Band will perform from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Members of the 30-piece all-brass band will make the trek from London, Ontario, for the weekend event.

The Wyandotte/Downriver Salvation Army is celebrating the Army's centennial during Heritage Days.

The celebration will begin with a civic

dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 1258 Biddle Ave. Some 200 local civic leaders and friends of the Army are expected to attend. Special-recognition awards will be presented. Tickets are \$7.50 and are available by calling 282-0930. The celebration will continue Saturday with the band's performance at Bishop Park. A concert featuring classical and sacred music will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. that evening at Roosevelt High School. Tickets are \$3 and can be obtained by calling the aforementioned number.

**AT 11 a.m.** Sunday, a public worship service will be conducted at the Bishop Park bandstand. The Salvation Army leader of the Central United States, Commissioner Harold Shoults, will be the featured speaker.

The BASF Corp. also will be marking its 100th year; however, events are planned for later in the month by the company. A special BASF exhibit will be featured in the historical museum gallery.

The weekend will highlight events for children, such as an old-fashioned children's game area, storytellers at the Ford-Bacon Home and a teddy bear picnic, from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the Bishop Park pavilion. The picnic is being sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Wyandotte-Southgate-Taylor.

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federate uniforms. Griffin, a Vietnam War veteran himself, has taken a special interest in one member of Battery B — Curtis Buck.

Griffin visits area schools portraying Buck, who enlisted in 1861 in the Grand Rapids area at the age of 20. Griffin has learned more about the soldier from letters written by Buck to a brother and sister living in the New Boston area.

Wyandotte resident Ron Griffin portrays Curtis Buck of Battery B for school programs.

At a battle in Shiloh, Tenn., Buck was taken prisoner and later released in a prisoner exchange.

After being discharged, Buck married and moved to the Ironwood area, where he was a probate court judge for 26 years. He died in 1919, leaving behind four children.

**ONE DAY** Griffin hopes to visit the Ironwood area and perhaps locate some of Buck's family, who are unaware of his research on the Civil War soldier.

The second Civil War unit to take part in Heritage Days is the Second Michigan Infantry, which portrays soldiers from Company F, the Flint Union Guard; Company B, the Hudson Artillery; and Company I, the medical service, nurses and the Michigan Soldiers Relief Association.

During its terms of service the regi-

ment had 2,151 men on its rolls. Of these, 11 officers and 194 men were killed or died of wounds.

After the surrender of General Lee, the regiment participated in the Grand Review of the Army of the Potomac in Washington, D.C. Following the Grand Review, it was mustered out of federal service on July 28, 1865, and returned to the Detroit area Aug. 1 of that year, where it disbanded.

The Second Michigan Infantry is based at the Historical Crossroads Village in Flint and most of its members are from Genesee County.

In addition to living history events, the unit does school presentations, parades and ceremonies. Currently, the group is raising money for the restoration of an original Civil War cannon to be used at re-enactments and ceremonies.

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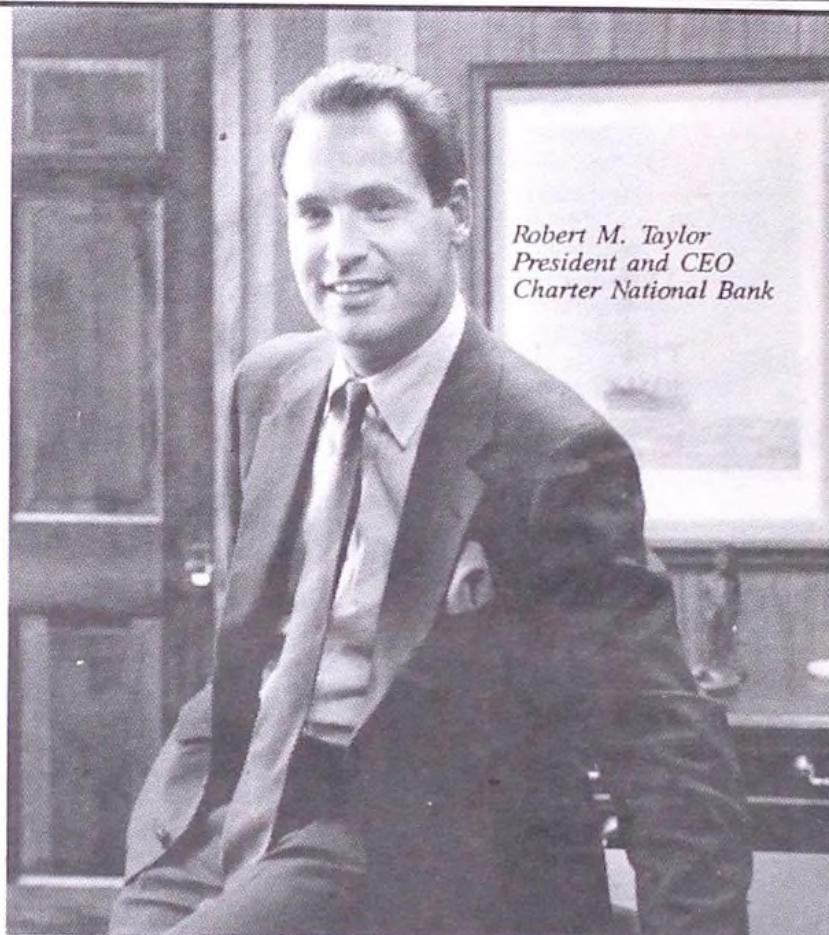
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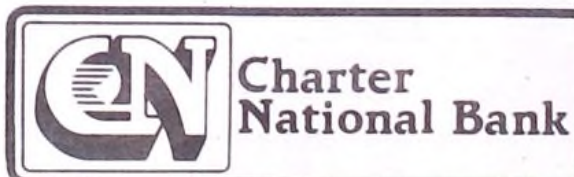
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